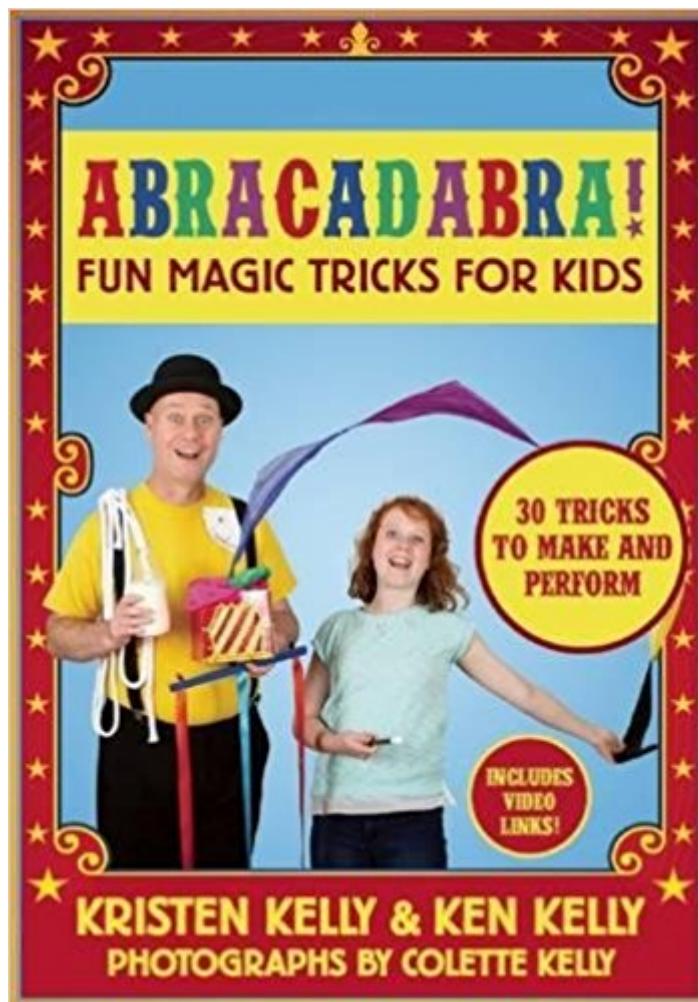


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# Abracadabra!: Fun Magic Tricks For Kids



## Synopsis

Summon your inner Houdini and learn simple magic tricks that will wow your family and friends! How did he do that? Have you ever racked your brains trying to figure out how that birthday party magician pulled a dove out of his sleeve? Or spent sleepless nights wondering just how he made that coin disappear? Well, what if there were a book that shared a magician's secrets with you and showed you how to do magic, too? Eleven-year-old magician Kristen and her magician dad, Ken, reveal secret magic techniques with step-by-step photographs and demonstrate how you can perform tricks that look impossible but are, in fact, very simple to master! You'll also learn one of the most important secrets about becoming a magician: how to use your confidence, personality, and presentation skills to enchant and amaze your friends and family. Choose from thirty of Kristen and Ken's coolest tricks and learn how to: Make a pencil float in mid-air! Bend a key using your mind! Make a pile of items disappear! Eat a knife! And much more! With Abracadabra!, you'll see that you don't have to be an adult to perform magic!

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## Customer Reviews

"A solid guide for magicians-in-training." Publishers Weekly "This animated, upbeat collection should disappear quickly from . . . shelves." Booklist

Kristen Kelly is an eleven-year-old who has been surrounded by magic all her life. She won her local

talent competition, Warrington's Got Talent, at age six for her magic show. She lives in Warrington, England. Ken Kelly has been a professional magician for over thirty years, ever since he received his first magic set from his grandmother at age six. He co-runs the blog MagicTricksForKids.org where he shares his passion for magic with other young magicians. He lives in Warrington, England. Colette Kelly, wife of Ken and mother of Kristen, adds her own magic touch to MagicTricksForKids.org with her photographs, videos, and graphic design. She lives in Warrington, England.

Big, bold, colorful and full of great tricks for both small and big kids (yes, adults) alike. Ken and his daughter Kristen take you step by step, in words AND pictures, making the props, and doing the performance. Each trick also includes a web link to a performance of the trick and graphics for props. Graphics are also found in the book but it is much too good looking a book to cut up. Great size, thick end boards for long life (and abuse), colorful, well laid out (although I'd like to see a bit more border at the expense of font size), and easy to understand. Best of all, Ken explains the secret of magic in the introduction: it's not just about the secrets but also the performance. Magic is YOU!"Why should I buy the book if I can find the content free on the web?"1. This is a beautifully crafted book2. Call me old fashioned (and I am) but having a tangible item available anytime is more satisfying than to be at the mercy of the local WiFi connection.C. Supporting performers/makers/artists/creators (magicians are all four) is cool. So be cool and buy this book.

Having two kids (6 & 3 years old), this book has been PERFECT for not only learning how to perform magic tricks for them, but to get them involved with actually doing the tricks themselves! With my 6 year old boy, especially, he's putting on his own shows and trying new things, and that, by far, is the best thing a parent can teach their children. He's gaining confidence, learning how to get in front of people and present, and it's amazing. Our 3 year old daughter, she's a little too young to perform some of the tricks in the way that they are supposed to be done of course, but she tries, and she'll get there, I'm sure. The quality of the book is outstanding too. The content, the pictures, and the feel of the whole book is top-notch, and I want to thank the entire Kelly family for putting this great resource together!

I have been doing magic since I was 11 years old and am now teaching my grand daughter. I started using Ken Kelly's web site and videos several years ago as I had wanted to switch my performances to a primarily children audience but just sitting in front of the computer screen without

a printed reference has its drawbacks. This is a hard cover, detailed, beautifully illustrated with large, brightly colored photos and child appropriate instructions. When it comes to kids, this book is definitely on my top 5 list (and near the top of that top 5). It is a nice introduction that includes 30 potentially mystifying tricks that provides an introduction sufficient to provide the child with a full magic show, without overwhelming them. These are easy to perform tricks rather than tricks that require skills such as special card handling, etc. Also, I am impressed by how Kelly has been able to forego the typical difficult to follow wordiness of so many typical magic instruction books. Instead, the instructions are concise, easy to memorize and accompanied by explanatory photos. Adults should enjoy it, as well. Ken Kelly offers a lot of material on the web (along with Julian Mather, another great kid's performer), but the advantage of his book is that it is so beautifully and artfully done, with some of the most easy to follow step by step directions presented with sharp color photographs that really facilitates teaching kids and also provides a quick hard copy reference. While it is best to use this with the on-line videos it is quite adequate on its own. The on-line videos do demonstrate the presentation and better explain how to do the trick, though. Every magician knows that it is not the illusion that provides the entertainment so much as is the presentation and Ken Kelly demonstrates this well. If your kids are too young (2 or 3), get it anyway. You can learn the tricks, perform them for your child and thereby introduce them to the wonderful joy of magic. If you have any reservations, just check out a few of Ken Kelly's internet videos on YouTube.com to get an idea of his style. Clearly, I am a fan of Ken Kelly, and this book does not disappoint. I purchased it for my 8 year old grand daughter. Younger children (5, 6, maybe 7) would do best with adult help.

I never leave reviews, but this is so awesome I made an exception. Why this book is the best choice: 1. A lot of pictures. Text books are hard to visualize 2. Online links to videos. Fun to watch the trick and see what the audience sees. 3. 30 tricks?! That's a lot! 4. Household items mean we can do ALL tricks with stuff we already have. No buying super expensive pre made tricks 5. These tricks are awesome. Not corny simple ones. Even grown ups are getting stumped.

I bought this book for my six and a half year old grandson. It was a huge, huge hit. For each trick there is a link to an online video. On a scale from one to ten I give the videos one hundred. They are fantastic, The instructions in the videos are entertaining, very clear and are done with humor. My grandson watches them over and over. The book along with the videos is much, much more fun than a ready made magic set because having to make the props for the tricks adds to the thrill of achieving the tricks. This was the best present I have ever given my grandson.

This ebook on magic tricks for kids is one of the best book out there for anyone to read and learn from. Not only will you learn magic but also how to make your own props and from there you will learn how to create your own magic effects.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to the Kelly family for making such a practical, informative and most of all fun book on how to make and perform magic. I am blown away by the value I've received, 30 magic tricks (all good, no duds or space fillers) with fantastic pictures, links to videos and also performance tips. I wish this book was around when I was learning magic. I would highly recommend this book to any children's magician, parent, school teacher or for someone who wants to buy a young person a really great gift.

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